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AP -- BARRY SCHWEID FROM PEKING

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE, HERE TO EXPLORE CHANCES OF ESTAB-
LISHING FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CHINA, OPENED
TALKS WITH CHINESE LEADERS TODAY BY EMPHASIZING THE TWO
COUNTRIES' COMMON POLITICAL INTERESTS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF
THE WORLD."

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE BEGAN MEETING WITH HUANG BY SAYING THERE ARE
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AREAS WHERE THE TWO HAVE MUTUAL INTERESTS.

-- ONE OF THESE IS AFRICA, WHERE BOTH ARE EAGER TO BLUNT
SOVIET PENETRATION.

-- US OFFICIALS SAID DISCUSSION AIMED AT PERSUADING
PEKING A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP CAN BE BUILT WITH WASHINGTON
ON BASIS OF SHARED OBJECTIVES. THIS PHASE OF TALKS
LIKELY TO OCCUPY FIRST 2 DAYS, SERVING AS BUILD-UP TO
DOMINANT SUBJECT -- NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS.

-- OUTSIDE HALL, TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CHINESE MARCHED IN CELEBRATION OF 11TH CONGRESS. VANCE ARRIVAL WAS LOW-KEYED.

-- HUA SIGNALLED VANCE BEFOREHAND CHINESE WERE STICKING TO THEIR POLICY ON TAIWAN. DEMAND FOR END OF US TIES WITH TAIWANESE CONTAINED IN CLOSING SPEECH AT CONGRESS.

UPI -- JIM ANDERSON FROM PEKING

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE CONFERRED TODAY WITH FONMIN HUANG HUA IN CARTER ADMIN'S FIRST HIGH-LEVEL CONTACT WITH CHINA'S NEW LEADERSHIP."

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE TOOK 11 AIDES INTO TALKS; HUANG TOOK ONLY SEVEN.

-- EXPECTED TO BE ROUND OF TALKS ON WORLD ISSUES.

-- ARRIVAL PARTY SMALL BUT CHEERFUL, NO SPEECHES.

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-- ONLY HOURS EARLIER, HUA SPEECH WAS RELEASED; SAID FULL RELATIONS CANNOT BE ESTABLISHED UNTIL US ENDS SUPPORT OF TAIWAN.

-- US OFFICIALS BELIEVE NORMAL RELATIONS POSSIBLE, BUT ONLY IF PEKING WILLING TO COMPROMISE ON TAIWAN ISSUE.

-- FORMAL TOASTS AT BANQUET TONIGHT EXPECTED TO GIVE FIRST GLIMPSE INTO CHINESE VIEWS.

REUTERS -- IAN MACKENZIE FROM PEKING

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE GAVE A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF US FOREIGN POL DURING A TWO-AND-A-HALF HOUR MEETING WITH CHINESE FONMIN HUANG HUA, A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID."

OTHER POINTS:

-- SPOKESMAN SAID VANCE BEGAN WITH OVERALL REVIEW OF CARTER ADMIN POLICY, THEN WENT INTO REGIONAL BREAKDOWN. SAID TAIWAN ISSUE WOULD BE DEALT WITH LATER UNDER

BILATERAL MATTERS.

-- SPOKESMAN SAID CHINESE ASKED NO QUESTIONS DURING VANCE REVIEW. AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA TO BE COVERED TOMORROW.

-- SPOKESMAN UNABLE TO SAY WHETHER HUANG WOULD FOLLOW WITH OUTLINE OF CHINESE POLICY. ASKED WHETHER VANCE DISCUSSED US TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH KOREA, REPLIED THERE HAD BEEN "A FULL EXPOSITION OF OUR POLICIES IN THE AREAS WE TALKED ABOUT."

-- HUGE DEMONSTRATIONS GOING ON IN PEKING TO CELEBRATE 11TH CONGRESS.
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-- HUA CLOSING SPEECH, RELEASED AS VANCE ARRIVED, SAID RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND PRC WOULD CONTINUE TO IMPROVE "PROVIDED PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN IN SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE ARE CARRIED OUT IN EARNEST."

-- AMERICANS REGARD VANCE VISIT AS ESSENTIALLY EXPLORATORY; CHINESE IMPATIENT WITH LACK OF MOMENTUM TOWARD NORMALIZATION.

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BOSTON GLOBE -- BILL BEECHER FROM TOKYO (P-1 LEAD STORY)

LEAD: " SECSTATE VANCE APPARENTLY IS CARRYING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO PEKING AIMED AT DISCOVERING WHETHER PROGRESS TOWARD FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CHINA CAN BE ACHIEVED VERY SOON."

OTHER POINTS:

-- TOP OFFICIAL ON PLANE, ASKED WHETHER VANCE CARRYING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS, REPLIED HE WOULDN'T ANSWER QUESTION, SAID CHINESE SHOULD HEAR WHAT US HAS TO SAY FIRST.

-- OFFICIALS ON TRIP VERY GUARDED ON NATURE OF PROPOSALS, BUT IT IS UNDERSTOOD THEY FALL INTO TWO CATEGORIES. FIRST, PARALLEL ACTIONS US AND CHINA CAN TAKE IN SUCH PLACES AS KOREA, AFRICA AND MIDEAST TO DEMONSTRATE VALUE OF MUTUAL TIES. VANCE WILL URGE CHINA TO USE INFLUENCE ON NORTH KOREA TO START PEACE TALKS WITH US AND SOUTH KOREA. SECOND, ACTIONS THE US AND CHINA COULD TAKE TO ESTABLISH FULL RELATIONS UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WOULD MAKE IT
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UNLIKELY PEKING WOULD ATTEMPT TO TAKE TAIWAN BY FORCE. THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES MIGHT INCLUDE, FOR EXAMPLE, CONTINUED SALES OF US ARMS TO TAIWAN.

-- SOURCES SAID CARTER HAS INSTRUCTED VANCE HE WOULD LIKE TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH PRC IN FIRST TERM, IF FORMULA

CAN BE WORKED OUT WHICH RESPECTS SENSIBILITIES OF BOTH SIDES ON TAIWAN ISSUE.

-- TODAY, VANCE WILL CONCENTRATE ON EXPLAINING ADMIN'S GLOBAL STRATEGY. CONCEPT IS THAT BOTH SIDES MORE LIKELY TO MAKE CONCESSIONS ON TAIWAN IF THEY CAN FIRST DISCERN STRONG MUTUAL ADVANTAGE IN COOPERATION ON BROADER FOREIGN POLICIES.

-- OFFICIALS CAUTIONED THAT PROGRESS MIGHT NOT BE APPARENT IMMEDIATELY. THEY DON'T WANT TO RAISE EXPECTATIONS BECAUSE OF UNCERTAINTY HOW PEKING WILL REACT TO US APPROACH.

-- OFFICIALS EMPHASIZE COMMITMENT TO TAIWAN, SAY CARTER IS CONCERNED ABOUT HISTORIC COMMITMENTS TO TAIWAN, REACTION AMONG OTHER NATIONS IF ISLAND IS SACRIFICED TO EXPEDIENCY, AND DOMESTIC SENTIMENT FAVORING TAIWAN.

-- LIST OF WHAT US WANTED TO DISCUSS PASSED TO CHINESE TWO MONTHS AGO; THEY RAISED NO OBJECTION BUT DID NOT SAY WHAT THEY INTENDED TO BRING UP.

BALT SUN -- HANK TREWHITT FROM PEKING (P-1)

LEAD: "SECSTATE TODAY WILL BEGIN EXPLORING TERMS FOR FULL US-CHINA RELATIONS WITH CHINESE LEADERS NEWLY ENTRENCHED AND COMMITTED TO PRACTICAL POLICIES. VANCE APPARENTLY WAS CARRYING CONCRETE PROPOSALS TO PEKING WHICH HE HOPED WOULD BREAK THE CURRENT IMPASSE. BUT BOTH SIDES CAREFULLY MUTED THEIR EXPECTATIONS."

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OTHER POINTS:

-- SITUATION IN CHINA "SUBTLY CHANGED" SINCE VANCE LEFT WASHINGTON BY COMPLETION OF 11TH PARTY CONGRESS. WHETHER RETURN OF PRAGMATISM TO CHINESE LEADERSHIP WILL HELP VANCE MISSION IS UNCERTAIN.

-- BOTH SIDES WANT TO EXPAND RELATIONS, BUT TAIWAN OBSTACLE STANDS BETWEEN THEM. VANCE APPARENTLY CARRIES IDEAS FOR FINESSING QUESTION.

-- MODEST EXPECTATIONS BY US OFFICIALS PART OF CALCULATED US POLICY; ADMINISTRATION HAD TO COOL ENTHUSIASM OF SOME OF ITS OWN ADVISERS. IT DOES NOT WISH TO BE SEEN AS ABANDONING TAIWAN.

-- VANCE MAY MAKE PROGRESS ON ANCILLARY ISSUES, SUCH AS FINANCIAL CLAIMS.

-- UNSURE WHOM VANCE WILL MEET. RANGE OF HIS CONTACTS AND WARMTH OF RECEPTION WILL BE ASSESSED AS INDICATORS OF CHINESE PATIENCE WITH CARTER ADMIN POLICIES.

WSJ -- BOB KEATLEY FROM TOKYO

LEAD: "ONLY ONE SENIOR PEKING OFFICIAL HAS EVER VISITED PEKING, AND APPARENTLY HE DIDN'T LIKE IT TOO MUCH."
(NOTES TENG VISIT TO UN IN 1974, QUOTES HIM ON CARS AND TALL BUILDINGS "ALL TOTALLY DEVOID OF TASTE.")

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE MISSION OFFERS TEST OF WHETHER CHINESE LEADER-
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SHIP HAS ANY KINDER THOUGHTS ABOUT US.

-- SECSTATE SEARCHING FOR DIPLOMATIC FORMULA THAT WILL LET WASHINGTON OPEN EMBASSY IN PEKING WITHOUT SEEMING TO ABANDON TAIWAN.

-- THOUGH STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAY THERE ISN'T ANY URGENCY ABOUT TASK, PRIVATE VIEWS OF MANY ADMIN OFFICIALS ARE THAT US MUST MOVE WITH DETERMINATION TO STRENGTHEN PEKING TIES.

-- CHINA OPPOSES SOVIET AIMS, SO US AND CHINA OFTEN HAVE SIMILAR OBJECTIVES. US OFFICIALS CONSIDER VANCE TRIP IMPORTANT EVEN THOUGH THEY DON'T EXPECT ANY DIPLOMATIC BREAKTHROUGHS THIS WEEK.

-- TAIWAN IS STICKY QUESTION FOR ADMIN. US READY TO STOP CONTESTING PEKING'S CLAIM TO ISLAND, BUT IT WANTS ASSURANCES ANY "LIBERATION" WILL BE PEACEFUL. PEKING REFUSES TO GIVE SUCH ASSURANCES, SAYING MATTER IS AN INTERNAL ONE.

-- CHINESE RIGID IN PRINCIPLE, FLEXIBLE IN PRACTICE; THEY OPENED FULL RELATIONS WITH JAPAN EVEN THOUGH JAPANESE HAVE EXTENSIVE TRADE WITH TAIWAN AND THEIR "TRADE OFFICE" IN TAIPEI ACTS AS AN EMBASSY IN ALL BUT NAME. WASHINGTON WOULD LIKE SOMETHING SIMILAR, BUT DEFENSE IS PROBLEM. UNLESS SOME MEASURES DEvised TO PROTECT TAIWAN, CONGRESS-
SI AL SUPPORT UNLIKELY.

-- HOPE OF ADMIN IS THAT PRAGMATISM WILL PREVAIL IN

PEKING, AND CONCLUSION OF 11TH PARTY CONGRESS LENDS ITSELF TO OPTIMISM ON THAT SCORE.

NY TIMES -- FOX BUTTERFIELD FROM PEKING (P-1)

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LEAD: "THE CHINESE LEADERS THAT SECSTATE VANCE WILL TALK WITH WHEN HE ARRIVES IN PEKING TODAY APPEAR TO BE IN A FAR MORE CONFIDENT AND STABLE POSITION THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE AT LEAST FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT HERE OVER 5 YEARS AGO."

OTHER POINTS:

-- POWER APPARENTLY BEING SHARED BY HUA, TENG, AND YEH, WHO SEEM TO BE IN BASIC AGREEMENT ON THE COURSE TO BE FOLLOWED.

-- PEKING LEADERS APPEAR TO HAVE LITTLE HOPE VANCE TRIP WILL INCREASE SPEED OF AMERICAN MOVES ON TAIWAN ISSUE. THEY ARE IMPATIENT, BUT HAVE CAREFULLY READ PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENTS EXPRESSING CONCERN FOR SECURITY OF TAIWAN.

-- CHINESE CONDITIONS FOR NORMALIZATION -- WITHDRAWAL OF US MILITARY FROM TAIWAN, SEVERANCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND ABROGATION OF 1954 MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY -- UNCHANGED. APPARENTLY, THEY OFFER NOTHING IN RETURN WHICH MIGHT GIVE CARTER AMMUNITION AGAINST CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION.

-- SOME CHINA SPECIALISTS BELIEVE IF VANCE OFFERS NOTHING NEW ON TAIWAN, US-PRC RELATIONS WILL STAGNATE. OTHERS -- INCLUDING BRZEZINSKI -- FEEL PRC IS PREOCCUPIED WITH USSR AND US ABANDONMENT OF TAIWAN WOULD BE SEEN AS SIGN OF WEAKNESS.

-- PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH CHINESE SHOW RESENTMENT THAT CHINA IS AT BOTTOM OF ADMINISTRATION'S FOREIGN POL AGENDA, THAT CARTER CANNOT AFFORD TO TAKE STEPS ON TAIWAN
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BECAUSE OF PANAMA AND KOREAN TROOP WITHDRAWAL.

-- DIPLOMATS TAKING BETS ON WHOM VANCE WILL MEET.

-- CHINA HAS BEEN PAYING MUCH ATTENTION TO HORN OF AFRICA LATELY, AND THAT ISSUE MAY ARISE.

-- CHINESE HAVE NOT EXPRESSED ANY INTEREST IN AMERICAN ARMS, CONTRARY TO SPECULATION IN US PRESS.

WASH POST -- JAY MATHEWS FROM PEKING (P-1 LEAD STORY)

LEAD: "CHINA ANNOUNCED TODAY ELECTION OF NEW RULING POLITBURO COMPOSED ALMOST ENTIRELY OF OLD SOLDIERS AND

BUREAUCRATS KNOWN TO FAVOR EXPERIENCE AND DISCIPLINE AND TO DISDAIN THE YOUTH MOVEMENTS THAT HAVE DISRUPTED CHINESE POLITICS OVER THE LAST DECADE.

OTHER POINTS:

-- FOREIGN POLICY DIRECTION OF NEW GROUP NOT CLEAR. MEMORIES OF SOVIET ABANDONMENT IN 1960'S EXPECTED TO REINFORCE ANTISOVIETISM OF CHINESE POLICY.

-- IN RELATIONS WITH US, THEY EXPECTED TO CONTINUE INSISTENCE ON RIGHT TO INVADE AND RECOVER TAIWAN.

-- OFFICIALS HAVE DESCRIBED VANCE MEETING AS LITTLE MORE THAN GET-ACQUAINTED SESSION, BUT CARTER WOULD OBVIOUSLY WELCOME PROGRESS ON CHINA TO MAKE UP FOR DISAPPOINTMENTS IN MIDEAST AND ELSEWHERE.

CSM -- FRED MORITZ FROM PEKING (P-1)

LEAD: "THERE IS A FESTIVE AIR IN THE CITIES OF CHINA. BUT IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ARRIVAL OF SECSTATE
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VANCE."

OTHER POINTS:

-- CELEBRATIONS MARK RESULTS OF 11TH PARTY CONGRESS. (VANCE TRIP NOT MENTIONED AGAIN IN ARTICLE)
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